

great stress to those public districts; 100,000 of these children are either in private schools or are home schooled; and only 32,000 of the 800,000 are in Department of Defense schools. These schools are concentrated in a few States. There are only 32,000 children, as I said, of 800,000 dependents in DDESS schools in New York, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama.

As my colleagues can see, dependent children of military personnel are in public schools throughout the country. Sometimes they are good public schools; sometimes they are not so good. We are working hard to make every public school excellent, but I think we have a special obligation to our military families to make sure that those children, with the added burdens they face, are getting an excellent education.

If you look at the general population, non-officers in our military, 91.5 percent have a high school degree or GED, 91 percent. In our general population, it is about 80 percent. This is a very upwardly mobile group of Americans. These are men and women with great discipline, great patriotism, great commitment to the Nation. Obviously, they are serving their country, but they are committed to their families, their communities, and their education.

As one can see, the officers exceed the general population at large. Almost 40 percent have advanced degrees; 99 percent or more have bachelor degrees. This is also a very upwardly mobile population. If we can provide excellent schools and opportunities for the children of this 91 percent, I think we will be doing a very good job in helping to strengthen our military but also helping our country be a better place. It is truly something on which we should focus more.

In conclusion, let me tell you of a school of which I am very proud. It might be one of the first military charters, if not the first, in the Nation. This is a school which opened in September and is an even larger success than we anticipated. This is a state-of-the-art, brand new charter school in Plaquemines Parish, which serves the military and civilian community there. It has alleviated a huge burden on the local school district, and is ready for its first expansion.

I think we can work all day long on pay raises, on building more ships, on buying more tanks, and on building a stronger Air Force, but truly I think focusing on educational opportunities for military dependent children, will help us build morale, help us improve retention, will help us strengthen our military in the intermediate and the long term, and it is something that, with a little creativity, a little bit of thinking outside of the box, I am convinced we could finance the construction of these schools through means laid out in the bill, and end up coming out with some excellent facilities

around this Nation to serve both our military and our nonmilitary families and do a great job for our Defense Department and a great job for our country. That is what this bill would accomplish: again, it sets up a pilot program to establish military charter schools in the neediest areas of the Nation. I would hope that it would be met with enthusiasm from my colleagues who consistently support good education initiatives, and from all of us who know the value of military service to our great Nation.

"Every few years you make new friends. Then you're gone. You do it all the time. I keep in touch. My best friend and I email, and write back and forth."—Military dependent student.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S.J. Res. 53. A joint resolution relative to the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress; considered and passed.

S.J. RES. 53

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first regular session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress shall begin at noon on Tuesday, January 7, 2003.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 357—COM-MENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ANAHEIM ANGELS FOR THEIR REMARKABLE SPIRIT, RESILIENCE, AND ATHLETIC DISCIPLINE IN WINNING THE 2002 WORLD SERIES

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 357

Whereas the Anaheim Angels have won the first World Championship in the 42 year history of the franchise;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels completed their best season in franchise history with 99 wins, staging one of the most significant team improvements in Major League Baseball since the 2001 season;

Whereas the 2002 World Series was the Anaheim Angels' first appearance in the Fall Classic;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels have fielded such superstars as Nolan Ryan, Rod Carew, Bobby Grich, Reggie Jackson, Jim Abbott, Wally Joyner, Brian Downing, Jim Edmonds, Gary DiSarcina, and now Troy Percival, Jarrod Washburn, Garret Anderson, Troy Glaus, and Tim Salmon;

Whereas third baseman Troy Glaus received the World Series Most Valuable Player Award for his stellar defensive plays, .385 batting average, and 3 home runs during the series;

Whereas pitcher Francisco Rodriguez became the youngest pitcher to win a World Series game and tied the postseason record for games won with 5 outstanding wins;

Whereas Manager Mike Scioscia won his first World Series title as a manager;

Whereas Tim Salmon made his first playoff appearance in 10 seasons as a major league baseball player, the only current player to

have played that long without having reached the postseason;

Whereas the spirit of Gene Autry, the "Singing Cowboy" and former owner of the Angels, was undoubtedly ever-present with the Anaheim players throughout the series as he was an inspirational force to all who played for him and knew of his legacy;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels battled another California team deserving of acknowledgement: the San Francisco Giants;

Whereas the San Francisco Giants were a worthy rival for the Anaheim Angels and set the stage for an exciting and suspenseful World Series that was watched with great interest by many Californians;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels epitomize California pride with their incredible focus, dedication to winning, team cohesiveness, and devotion to playing America's pastime with class, athleticism, and enthusiasm; and

Whereas the Anaheim Angels demonstrate the rewards of perseverance, discipline, teamwork, and championship as they prepare to defend their title of World Champions: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate congratulates the Anaheim Angels on winning the 2002 Major League Baseball World Series title.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 356—PAYING A GRATUITY TO TRUDY LAPIC

Mr. DAYTON submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 356

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to pay, from appropriations under the subheading "MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS" under the heading "CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE", to Trudy Lapid, widow of Thomas Lapid, a loyal employee of the Senate for 9 years, a sum equal to 8 months of compensation at the rate Thomas Lapid was receiving by law during the last month of his Senate service, that sum to be considered inclusive of funeral expenses and all other allowances.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED

SA 4906. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4902 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska) to the amendment SA 4901 proposed by Mr. THOMPSON (for Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BARKLEY, and Mr. VOINOVICH)) to the bill H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

SA 4907. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4901 proposed by Mr. THOMPSON (for Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BARKLEY, and Mr. VOINOVICH)) to the bill H.R. 5005, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4908. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4901 proposed by Mr. THOMPSON (for Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BARKLEY, and Mr. VOINOVICH)) to the bill H.R. 5005, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4909. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4901 proposed by Mr. THOMPSON (for Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BARKLEY, and Mr. VOINOVICH)) to the bill H.R. 5005, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4910. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to